

An Essay

on

Lilium Superbum

Respectfully Submitted

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Introductory Remarks

In submitting the following provings it is my wish to call the attention of the profession to a remedy not yet known as a curative agent, but which from its prompt action on the healthy organism I have strong reasons to hope will be found eminently useful in some of the various diseases of our fellow mortals.

I have to regret the insufficiency of the proving; which, on account of the short space of time since my attention was called to it together with the difficulty in obtaining assistance, has not been carried to the extent desired yet having tried it upon a number of persons and found its general effects very similar in each case both as it respects the character and locality of the symptoms, I feel

confident that its prominent and characteristic
sphere of action has been discovered and that
the ^{symptoms} which have been collected are perfectly
reliable

Of its action as a remedial agent
I am as yet ignorant but judging from
its action on the Head Liver and Spleen it
promises to become an important remedy in
affections of those parts and thus add another
to the mighty phalanx with which we on
the principle of Similia meet and put to
flight the monster disease even in his most
hideous form

Lilium Superbum
Superb Lily; Turks Cap
Syn Syst Hexandria Monogynia
Nat Ord Liliaceae

Lilium Superbum is a perennial plant with an erect round herbaceous stem from four to six feet high. The leaves are 2-3 by 4-9" linear-lanceolate acuminate, three per node glabrous lower ones verticillate upper ones scattered.

Flowers 3-20 are of a bright orange color with purple spots often in a pyramidal raceme nodding segments revolute flowers in July & August.

Sepals and petals linear-lanceolate beautifully and fully revolute. Stamens usually six in number.

The root which was the part used in this proving is white about half an inch in diameter bearing ^{the white} squamose bulb, and has a bitter disagreeable taste.

This plant is a native of Canada Middle
and Western States found in prairies and mead-
ows but is cultivated in gardens few plants
being more ornamental

The root was prepared for use by reducing
the fresh article to a pulpy mass and macerating
in twice its weight of alcohol; many of the
symptoms were obtained from the attenuations

very much relieved by repeated excretion
and highly digested for this usual business

Dull heavy pressing pain in the head
with uneasiness and general lassitude
Subsiding and pressing pain in the forehead
more when moving and in the open air
this symptom commenced in some cases a
few moments in others several hours after taking
the medicine and continued in every case

Arrangement of the symptoms according
to the organs and functions affected

Moral and Mental

Great difficulty in fixing the mind on any subject
Moody state of the mind with indifference
worse in the morning

Anxiety after returning to rest with fear of
losing one's reason

Very much fatigued by mental exertion
entirely disqualified for his usual business

Head

Dull heavy pressing pain in the head
with uneasiness and general lassitude

Intense and pressing pain in the forehead
worse when moving and in the open air
this symptom commenced in some cases a
few moments in others several hours after taking
the medicine and continued in every case

with short intervals during the proving

Severe drawing pain in the left anterior part of the head extending to the left temple when lying down also stitches in the temple
Pain extending from the top of the head to the scapula

Violent throbbing pain in the head

Pain in a small spot on the top of the head

Pain in the right occipital protuberance

Frontal headache with shooting pain down the nose

Heat in the head with throbbing of the arteries

Heat and stupor of the head

Sensation as though the brain was loose and falling from side to side or forward when stooping

Eyes

Violent pain immediately over the eyes

The eyes feel cold in the open air and have lost their brightness and vivacity & appear inexpressive

Ears

Shooting pain extending from below upward into the ears continuing for several weeks after taking the medicine

Burning of the ears with pain in the left ear

Nose

Pain extending from the head to the nose

Bleeding from the nose preceded by dull heavy feeling in the head

Bleeding from the nose the whole day at short intervals

Face

Pale sickly appearance with eyes surrounded with blue margins

Burning heat of the face and head with chilliness of the rest of the body

Heat of the face in the evening more on the left side

Teeth

Pain in the articulations of the lower jaw

Pain in a hollow molar with great sensitiveness to cold things

Taste and Appetite

Bitter taste in the mouth

The root first tastes sweet afterward bitter

Increased appetite during the proving

White coating on the tongue

Pharynx and Esophagus

Scraping and smarting pains in the pharynx

Sticking pain with dryness in the pharynx causing him to swallow almost constantly

Burning and soreness in the pharynx

Burning throughout the whole length of the oesophagus caused ^{by} eructations of a burning fluid

Benignous ulcers in the throat

Redness of the fauces

Stomach

Nausea with rising of an acid burning fluid
Pain in the pit of the stomach
Biting of mastic in the epigastric region
Frequent empty eructations
Pain at the cardiac orifice of the stomach
Violent cutting pains in the stomach in-
creased by pressure

Hypochondria

Constrictive feeling in the right and left
Hypochondriac regions as though a band was passed
around the body

Constant pain in the right Hypochondria
made worse by exercise or by a deep inspiration

Stitches in the lower part of the liver

Constant sticking pain in the region of
the spleen worse when lying on the left side.

Dull pain in the region of the spleen

Pain in the left hypochondriac region shooting
to the back when lying down

Pain in the right afterward in the left side
just below the ribs

The pains in the region of the spleen commenced
a short time after taking the medicine and con-
tinued for several days

Abdomen

Uneasiness and restlessness in the abdomen
feeling as though diarrhea was coming on

Unpleasant sensation in the abdomen with
rumbling of flatus

Smarting pain all over the bowels

Pain in the umbilical region

Pain in the scrobiculus cordis

Stool and Anus

Constipation the first few days afterward
tendency to diarrhea

Constant ^{sensation} as though diarrhoea was about setting in
Discharge of yellowish-green diarrhoeic stools
with considerable tenesmus

Yellow papery stool

Pain in the rectum while at stool

Urinary and Genital organs

Urine very much increased in quantity

Sexual desire very much diminished

Chest

Shooting pain through the left side of the
chest

Oppressive pain in the chest

Severe lancinating ^{pain} in the right axilla

Aching pain in the left side of the chest
at night

Violent pain in the left side in the
region of the heart

Constrictive pain in the chest as if too small

Back

Pain in the lumbar region

Pain in the scapular region

A sensation of chilliness with a feeling of
lame ness or weakness in the back

Extremities

Stiffness in the extremities

Pain and uneasy sensation in the extremities

Stitches in the right shoulder

Almost intolerable shooting pain through
the shoulder in the direction of the tendon of the biceps

Aching pain in the wrist of the right arm

Stitches along the inner side of the right thigh

Pain in both legs below the knees

Aching in the bones of the lower extremities

Great weakness of the extremities

Stomach

Heaviness and gawking

Great restlessness during the night.

Drowsiness, great inclination to sleep without the ability to do so.

He sleeps well untill 2 o'clock in the morning afterward is restless tossing about cannot lie long in any position.

Extreme restlessness at night troubled by horrid dreams.

Dreams of robbery thinks they are going to injure him and endeavours to call for help.

Dreams of having seen an acquaintance dangerously wounded by being stabbed.

Brightful dream, he imagines that the upper part of his head is torn away and that some one is trying to cut him to pieces with a knife.

Fever

Heat of the head and face; coldness of the rest of the body with aching of the bones.

in the evening followed by general heat after going to bed; pulse quick; this terminates in profuse sweat towards morning

Coldness of the hands and feet even in a warm room
Pulse much accelerated

Heat of the head more on the left side with violent throbbing in the head when using exercise

Readily excited sweat during sleep and motion
Flushes of heat over the body followed by sweat
General Symptoms

A feeling of languor over the whole body with great weakness of the limbs

General debility with great disposition to sweat
Dull languid feeling immediately after taking the medicine with aversion to any kind of labour

Great prostration of strength

Antidotes, In two cases where the powers became alarmed from the violence of the symptoms ^{afforded prompt relief} Ross & Bry